

a solid core outer layer made from a second rubber based material having different physical properties from said first rubber based material;

a cover comprising:

an inner cover layer made from a material having a first shore D hardness from about 65 shore D to about 74 shore D and having an outer diameter of at least 1.6 inches;

an outer cover layer made from a [thermoset] castable reactive liquid material having a second shore D hardness less than the first.

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Please add the following claims:

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23. (New) The ball of claim 18 wherein the core outer layer has a first crosslinking agent in an amount from about 20 to about 40 parts per hundred of rubber.

24. (New) The ball of claim 23 wherein the amount of first crosslinking agent in the core outer layer is from about 30 to about 38 parts per hundred of rubber.

25. (New) The ball of claim 23 wherein the core outer layer has from about 10 to about 17 parts of balata per hundred parts of rubber.

26. (New) The ball of claim 18 wherein the center has a second crosslinking agent in an amount from about 15 to about 25 parts per hundred of rubber.

27. (New) The ball of claim 26 wherein the amount of second crosslinking agent in the center is from about 19 to about 25 parts per hundred of rubber.

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